THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) A Feasibility study is being made regarding the Multipurpose National Identity Cards Scheme in the country. Further action would be taken on receipt of the feasibility report. The study would also cover all aspects relating to people's perceptions about the scheme.

Terrorism by Foreign Mercenaries in J and K

842. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mercenaries from almost 14 countries are involved in the Pak aided and abetted unrest and terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the results achieve so far in dealing with these foreign mercenaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the State Government a total of 110 foreign mercenaries have been arrested and 1252 killed in J and K during the period 1st Jannuary, 1990 to 31st October, 1999 as per the country wise break up indicated below:

S. No.	Name of country	No. of Mercenaries foreign Killed	Arrested
1.	Pakistan/POK	349	93
2.	Afghanistan	162	14
3.	Egypt	1	—
4.	Sudan	7	—
5.	Yeman	4	—
6.	Lebnan	—	1
7.	Behrain	2	—
8.	Chechnia	1	—

S. No.	Name of country	No. of foreign Mercenaries Killed	Arrested
9.	Bosnia	1	—
10.	England	—	1
11.	Tajkistan	—	1
12.	Others	725	—
		1252	110

Drug Flow in C.P.

843. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Indian Express dated 20th September, 1999 under the heading, 'Drug flow in C.P., Cops don't know'; if so, the details theeof;

(b) what is the number of drug addicts apprehended in this area during the last one year; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against the Police Official under whose patronage drug suppliers are flourishing in and around Connaught Place, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The news-item in question carried a story that drugs are freely available in and around Connaught Place area of Delhi.

(b) The number of drug addicts arrested by Delhi Police from Connaught Place area during last one year from 15th November, 1998 to 15th November, 1999 was 36.

(c) There is no evidence to believe that the drug peddlers in the area have the patronage of the local police. On the contrary, during the last three years Delhi Police registered in and around Connaught Place area 221 cases under NDPS Act and arrested 318 persons.